

## COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

April 13, 2015

In Attendance: Beth Emery, John Hall, Dave Sandler, Cindi Perugini, Laura Baum, Ron Krom, Pam Roth, Deb Stanley, Karen Meszaros

Minutes of previous meeting accepted by Ron, and Beth

Ron informed the committee we should be referring to the June 13, 2015 bike ride as the Kids Health and Safety Day, which is sponsored by the city of Middletown.

#### **Action Plan:**

Updated with no additions

#### **Updates:**

Ridge Road sidewalk: project remains on hold due to neighbor complaints of removing trees, even though Jane Harris has deemed them of no value.

Saybrook Road: Cardinal Engineering is conducting a review of the project to determine the best sidewalk placement.

Saybrook Road at Aircraft and Brooks Road area: John submitted a request 9 months ago through the River Cog, however, it was apparently never received. A road reclassification is necessary to obtain federal funding to redo the road surface.

#### **Complete Streets Policy/Ordinance:**

John provided copies of the ordinance drafted by the General counsel for our review. The committee felt the policy is well written, however should include mention of the State of Connecticut Complete Streets Policy and possible consultation with the CS committee or its facsimile. This addition would allow collaboration from an interested committee.

John will address these requests with the General Counsel.

John thanked Howard Reid for his diligence researching language for the ordinance.

#### **Kids Safety Day: June 13, 2015**

Ron is coordinating with the event organizers for the second annual CS sponsored bike ride. The event will take place on Main Street between Court and College Streets. Ron prepared a bike route for the event and will present it to the Police Department for approval. CS will have a manned booth with table top displays and provide a sign in sheet.

The ride will begin at 10:30 with registration at 10:00. Several members of the CS committee will be unable to attend. Deb Stanley will provide some summer staff kids to assist with the ride.

### **Baseline Traffic Count: April 27, 2015 4-6 pm**

West Street pedestrian count: Dave will send out sign up sheet. Probably need 2 people per hour.

CS will conduct a pedestrian count in the summer at the Mattebesset Trail.

### **Bike to School Day: May 6, 2015:**

The Middletown School Superintendent supports this event and is encouraging the principals to participate. John prepared a flyer which was sent to the school principals. Woodrow Wilson School is interested in establishing a bike club.

### **Bike/Walk to Work Day:**

Laura met with Jen at Wesleyan, however May is not a good time of year for involvement in additional activities due to commencement and end of semester, no staff or students available.

Chamber of Commerce: Amy was to contact Jeff Pugliese, however she was not in attendance.

### **Bike/Walk Summit: June 23 and 24, 2015**

John is attending and would car pool if anyone else is interested.

### **Riverfront Festival May 9, 2015, 12-5 pm:**

Several committee members volunteered to man the Jonah Center Booth which will include a table top display of CS information.

Cindi: 12-1, Laura: 1-2, Ron: 2-3, Karen: 3-4

John is looking for others to fill a few slots.

### **Public Works Commission presentation: March 11, 2015:**

John, Amy, Ron and Beth presented the CS slide show to the PW Commission members with extremely positive results. The commission is supportive of the work and projects CS is involved in. The Commission members expressed an interest in CS focusing on the sidewalks in area of the new Senior Center, Farm Hill Road.

John would like a committee member to represent the committee at the PW Commission meetings commencing with the June 2015 meeting. **Anyone interested should contact John.**

### **Macdonough School:**

Principal Romeo is interested in pursuing the Safe Routes to School Program and requested the committees assistance in obtaining bike locks for the school. Cindi will check with Pedal Power to ascertain if they can donate some locks. Unknown at this time how many locks will be needed.

### **School Readiness Committee: meeting scheduled for May 20 1:45 pm Snow School:**

Monica Belyea, Middlesex Hospital Family Advocacy Program, asked John if the committee could have a representative attend the meeting. John asked for a committee member to attend. The program assists parents with getting children to preschool.

Next meeting May 11, 2105

